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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

Plaintiff,

<u>DECLARATION IN SUPPORT</u> - v - : OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT

08 Civ. 2833 (CM)

\$1,837,905 IN UNITED STATES

Currency,

:

Defendant-in-rem. :

Sharon Cohen Levin, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of Michael J. Garcia, United States of Attorney for the Southern District of New York, attorney for plaintiff herein. I have responsibility for the above-captioned matter, and as such, I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of this proceeding. This declaration is submitted in support of plaintiff's request for a default judgment in the above-captioned case.

- 2. On March 24, 2008, the United States commenced a civil action for the forfeiture of the above-referenced defendant-in-rem ("defendant currency") by the filing of a verified complaint. A copy of the verified complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is fully incorporated by reference herein.
- 3. On March 24, 2008, notice of the verified complaint was sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to: David C. Scheper, Esq., Overland Borenstein Scheper & Kim LLP, 300 S. Grand Avenue, Ste. 2750, Los Angeles, CA 90071 and Michael C. Miller, Esq., Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 750 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019. These are the only persons known by the Government to have a potential interest in the property. A copy of the notice letters and return receipts are attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 4. Notice of the Verified Complaint and in rem warrant against the defendant currency was published in the New York Post once in each of the three successive weeks beginning on April 10, 2008 and proof of such publication was filed with the Clerk of this Court on May 15, 2008. A copy of this proof of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 5. Notice of civil forfeiture was also posted on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) for at least 30 consecutive days, beginning on March 25, 2008, as

required by Rule G(4) (a) (iv) (C) of the supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, and proof of such publication was filed with the Clerk of the Court on June 3, 2008. A copy of this proof of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

- 6. No claims or answers were filed or made in this action, and no parties have appeared to contest the action to date, and requisite time periods have expired.
- 7. Accordingly, the Government requests that the Court enter the proposed Default Judgment.
- 8. No previous application for the relief requested herein has been sought.

Dated: New York, New York July 2, 2008

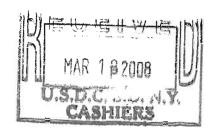
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EXHIBIT A

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff,

08 Civ.

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08 CV

CV 2833

\$1,837,905.61 In U.S. CURRENCY,

Defendant-in-Rem.

Plaintiff United States of America, by its attorney, MICHAEL J. GARCIA, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, for its complaint alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This action is brought by the United States of America pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 984, seeking the forfeiture of all right, title and interest in approximately \$1,837,905.61 in United States Currency ("the Defendant in Rem"). Forfeiture

is sought on the grounds that the Defendants in Rem constitute or are derived from proceeds traceable to wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1345 and 1355.
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1355 because acts and omissions giving rise to the forfeiture occurred in the Southern District of New York.

II. PROBABLE CAUSE FOR FORFEITURE

about 2003, Robert Pfaff, a resident of Colorado, participated in a massive fraud scheme with several others, including: Chandler S. Moisen, a resident of Colorado and California; Domenick DeGiorgio, a senior employee at Bayerische Hypo- und Vereinsbank, A.G. ("HVB"), a German-owned bank and financial institution operating in the United States through its New York Branch, located at 150 East 42d Street; certain senior officers of a corporation located on the island of Saipan (the "Saipan Company"), which is part of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI"); a citizen and resident of the Philippines; and a citizen and resident of Norway. That scheme had as its objects: (i) to defraud the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), an agency of the Treasury Department; (ii) to defraud the taxing authorities of the CNMI; and (iii) to defraud the Saipan Company and to deprive the Saipan Company and its shareholders of the honest services of its officers and employees. The aforementioned scheme was executed in two principal ways: (i) devising,

marketing, and implementing tax shelter transactions, including transactions that involved the Saipan Company as a CNMI corporate taxpayer, and thereafter dividing and disbursing the fee income garnered through those transactions to Pfaff, Moisen, DeGiorgio, certain officers of the Saipan Company, and the other designers and implementers of the tax shelter transactions in a manner that would allow these individuals to hide the fee income from: the IRS; KPMG, which was Pfaff's employer between 1993 and 1997; the CNMI taxing authorities; and the Saipan Company; and (ii) covering up the receipt of the income by attempting to classify the income as part of a lending relationship. During the course of the fraud scheme, numerous interstate and international wire communications were effectuated in order to further the fraud scheme, including transfers of funds from, to, and through the Southern District of New York.

5. One of the means and methods by which the aforementioned scheme to defraud was carried out was through the use of a citizen and resident of the Philippines. More particularly, after causing the Saipan Company to engage in tax shelter transactions and thereafter secretly dividing the profits derived from devising and implementing those transactions (and thereby defrauding the Saipan Company of the honest services of the officers who were sharing in the fees, unbeknownst to the Saipan Company), Pfaff, Moisen, DeGiorgio, certain senior officers of the Saipan Company, and others directed the proceeds of that fraud to bank accounts in Manila. Those off-shore transfers were utilized because off-shore financial transactions and bank accounts would and did make more difficult the

detection and analysis of the disbursement of fees to the co-schemers, including Pfaff, Moisen, DeGiorgio, and certain senior officers of the Saipan Company.

6. In addition to the foregoing, Pfaff attempted to defraud the IRS by creating phony paperwork to disguise the fee income he received from the tax shelter transactions (and which Pfaff hid from his partners at KPMG (when he worked there between 1993 and August 1997) and failed timely to report to the IRS), by attempting to make the income he received appear as "loans." To further this false and fraudulent depiction, between approximately 2000 and 2003, Pfaff caused in excess of \$1,800,000 to be wire-transferred to a bank account in the Philippines, which was controlled by a coschemer there; those funds were falsely depicted on loan schedules prepared by Pfaff and others in order to make the funds appear to be loan repayments to the co-schemer in the Philippines. Pfaff later provided false testimony and documents to the IRS — which had commenced a civil audit of Pfaff's individual income tax returns — to further the false characterization of the income as "loans." In truth and fact, the monies Pfaff sent to the Philippines represented proceeds from Pfaff's involvement in the tax shelter fee fraud on the IRS and CNMI tax authorities, and the scheme to defraud the Saipan Company, and were sent to the Philippines co-schemer who controlled the Manila-based account with the understanding that the funds would be returned to Pfaff after the IRS's scrutiny of Pfaff's activities was completed. (The Philippines co-schemer controlled the funds sent to him by Pfaff, occasionally moving it among offshore and investment accounts via wire transfers.)

7. Between 1993 and 2000, Pfaff received in excess of \$3,750,000 that he failed timely to report to the IRS. In addition, Pfaff and others caused the Saipan Company to pay millions of dollars of tax shelter fees that Pfaff and the senior officers of the Saipan Company secretly split, unbeknownst to the Saipan Company's board of directors.

III. CLAIM FOR FORFEITURE

- 8. Plaintiff repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs one through eight of this Verified Complaint.
- 9. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), "[a]ny property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to . . . any offense constituting 'specified unlawful activity' (as defined in Section 1956(c)(7) of [title 18]), or a conspiracy to commit such offense," is subject to forfeiture to the United States.
- 10. "Specified unlawful activity" is defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1956(c)(7), and the term includes any offense listed under 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1). Section 1961(1) lists, among other offenses, violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (relating to wire fraud).
- 11. Title 18, United States Code, Section 984 provides, in pertinent part, that
 - (a)(1) In any forfeiture action in rem in which the subject property is cash, monetary instruments in bearer form, funds deposited in an account in a financial institution (as defined in section 20 of this title), or precious metals –
 - (A) it shall not be necessary for the Government to identify the specific property involved in the offense that is the basis for the forfeiture; and

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- (B) it shall not be a defense that the property involved in such an offense has been removed and replaced by identical property.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (b), any identical property found in the same place or account as the property involved in the offense that is the basis for the forfeiture shall be subject to forfeiture under this section.
- (b) No action pursuant to this section to forfeit property not traceable directly to the offense that is the basis for the forfeiture may be commenced more than 1 year from the date of the offense.
- 12. The Defendant in Rem is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) because there is probable cause to believe that they constitute or are derived from proceeds traceable to an offense constituting specified unlawful activity, to wit, wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.
- By reason of the foregoing, the Defendant in Rem became and is subject 13. to forfeiture to the United States of America, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 984.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff United States of America prays that process issue to enforce the forfeiture of the Defendant in Rem and that all persons having an interest in the Defendants in Rem be required to appear and show cause why the forfeiture of the Defendant in Rem should not be decreed, that this Court decree forfeiture of the Defendant in Rem to the United States of America for disposition according to law, and that this Court grant plaintiff such further relief as it may deem just and proper, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: New York, New York

March 18, 2008

MICHAEL J. GARCIA United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York Attorney for the Plaintiff United States of America

Bv:

TANLEY J. OKULA (SO-6775)

SHARON COHEN LEVIN(SCL-4124)

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK)

LAURA MERCANDETTI, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Special Agent of the Internal Revenue Service and as such has responsibility for the within action; that she has read the foregoing Verified Complaint and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the best of her own knowledge, information, and belief.

The sources of deponent's information and the ground of her belief are official records and files of the United States and information obtained directly and indirectly by deponent during an investigation of alleged violations of Title 18, United States Code.

LAURA MERCANDETTI

Special Agent

Internal Revenue Service

Sworn to before me this

18th day of March, 2008

NOTARY PUBLIC

MARCO DASILVA Notary Public, State of New York No. 01DA6145603

Qualified in Nassau County 8,2010 My Commission Expires 104 8,2010

EXHIBIT B

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United States Attorney Southern District of New York

The Silvio J. Mollo Building One Saint Andrew's Plaza New York, New York 10007

March 24, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN

RECEIPT REQUESTED

David C. Scheper, Esq.

Overland Borenstein Scheper & Kim LLP

300 S. Grand Avenue

Suite 2750

Los Angeles, CA 90071

Re: <u>United States v. \$1,837,905.61 in U.S. currency</u>
08 Civ. 2833(CM)

Dear Mr. Scheper:

This letter is to advise you that on March 18, 2008, the United States commenced a civil action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York seeking the forfeiture of the above-referenced property pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 984. A copy of the complaint in this action is enclosed.

Should your client wish to contest the forfeiture, you must do so by filing a claim pursuant to Rule G from the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure with the Clerk of the Court no later than thirty five (35) days of the date of this letter. Thereafter, within twenty (20) days after filing a claim, you must file your answer to the complaint. This procedure must be followed regardless of any petition for the remission or mitigation of forfeiture which you may have pending, and failure to do so could result in the entry of a default judgment against the property.

Very truly yours,

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STANLEY J. OKULA

SHARON COHEN LEVIN

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March 24, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED Michael C. Miller, Esq. Steptoe & Johnson LLP 750 Seventh Avenue New York, NY 10019

> Re: United States v. \$1,837,905.61 in U.S. currency 08 Civ. 2833(CM)

Dear Mr. Miller:

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MICHAEL J. GARCIA
United States Attorney

BYRON STEVENS
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01ST6117803
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires November 1, 2008

Sworn to before me this

Notary Public

Service of Process:

1:08-cv-02833-CM United States of America v. \$1,837,905.61 In U.S. Currency

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EXHIBIT D

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	
Plaintiff,	
V.	08 CV. 2833(KMW)
US v. 1,837,905.61 in United States Currency	
Defendant.)

DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION

Notice of Civil Forfeiture was posted on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) for at least 30 consecutive days, beginning on March 25, 2008, as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, as evidenced by Attachment 1.

Notice was also published in a newspaper of general circulation on April 10, 2008, April 17, 2008, and April 24, 2008, pursuant to Rule G(4)(a) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions. Said published notice advised all third parties of their right to file a claim with the court no later than thirty (30) days after final publication, and an answer within twenty (20) days after filing the claim, as evidenced by Attachment 2.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 3, 2008.

Śharon Cohen-Levin

Asst. United States Attorney

Attachment 1

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK COURT CASE NUMBER: 08 CV. 2833(KMW); NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

Pursuant to 18 USC 981 and 18 USC 984, the United States filed a verified Complaint for Forfeiture against the following property:

The sum of \$1,837,905.61 in United States Currency (08-IRS-000228), which was seized from Union Bank of The Phillipines on March 18, 2008 at 150 East 42nd Street, located in New York, NY

Any person claiming a legal interest in the Defendant Property must file a verified Claim with the court within 60 days from the first day of publication (March 25, 2008) of this Notice on this official government internet web site and an Answer within 20 days thereafter. Title 18, United States Code, Section 983(h)(1) permits a court to impose a civil fine on anyone asserting an interest in property which the court determines was frivolous.

The verified Claim and Answer must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, United States District Court, 500 Pearl Street, Room 120, New York, NY 10007, and copies of each served upon Assistant United States Attorney Sharon Cohen-Levin, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, NY 10007, or default and forfeiture will be ordered. See, 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(4)(A) and Rule G(5) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions.

Advertisement Certification Report

The Notice of Publication was available on the www.forfeiture.gov web site for at least 18 hours per day between March 25, 2008 and April 23, 2008. Below is a summary report that identifies the uptime for each day within the 30-day period and reports the results of the web monitoring system's daily check that verifies that the advertisement was available each day.

US v. 1,837,905.61 in United States Currency

Court Case No: 08 CV. 2833(KMW) (CM)

For Asset ID(s): 08-IRS-000228 The sum of \$1,837,905.61 in United States

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